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FROM: Jidda

TO: Secretary of State

NO: 174, October 19, 6 p.m.

PRIORITY

Telegram from Khalid(Gargoel) to His Majesty.

1. The American Government appreciates highly YM's friendship and confidence

Consequently it welcomes the opportunity afforded by YM to present its views.

2. The American Government wishes to continue to cooperate in building Saudi Arabian defense. In connection with arms, it continues willing to supply Saudi Arabia with military equipment desired in accordance with the present agreement for buying arms. Its recent decision to provide tanks under this program, is but most recent solid evidence of this fact.

3. Its view is that YM and YM's Government are free to do whatever you wish in your country; exchange diplomatic representation with Russia or any other country; buy arms anywhere you desire as may be to your own interest.

4. The Ambassador and his government believe that the Soviet objectives in offering to supply arms to several Near Eastern countries is to incite an arms race in the area also to win influence in those countries; and this despite the efforts made at the recent Geneva conference to reduce world tension and the professed Soviet belief in the desirability of reduction of armaments.

5. He said, too, that his government believes communism is particularly dangerous in nations of the Near East where it can exploit tensions arising from the impact of new developments; and he believes sincerely that continuation of traditional Arab association with the free world is certain to bring greater tangible benefits to the Arab people than any association with the Soviet orbit.

6. The Ambassador repeats what he previously told YM that the American

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American Government sees that YM is one of the strong pillars in maintaining stability in this area of the Middle East.

7. The Ambassador asked me to tell YM that his government has received his telegram reporting the substance of Prince Faisal's note of October 4 regarding the Dhahran airbase agreement and that, following receipt of the full text, it will be in communication with YM's government concerning it.

8. The Ambassador suggested certain personal ideas and wanted me to present them to YM for YM's consideration. Does YM order that I come now to talk with you or I shall wait for YM's return to present them to YM? The Ambassador, however, may be going to Yemen shortly; If YM returns before his departure and desires to receive him, he will have the honor of having an audience with YM, otherwise the audience would be after his return from Yemen.

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